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SUBJECT: ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING ROME JAN. 21-26

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1. ON JAN. 19 EMIN MADE REPRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED REF. A TO MIYAZAKI, DIR.-GEN., ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, AND YAMAZAKI, DIR., 2ND INTL. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV. (RESPONSIBLE FOR FISHERIES), FONOFF. EMBOFF MADE SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL (IGAHARA), FAR SEAS FISHERIES DIV., FISHERY AGENCY (FISHERY AGENCY INTL. AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS, INCLUDING YONEZAWA AND MATSUURA, MET ALL DAY AT FONOFF FOR SALMON TALKS WITH VISITING USDEL AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ICNAF ISSUES). EMBASSY LEFT PAPER BASED ON REF. A, COPIES OF REF B & C NOTES, AND COPY OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO MONTREAL ICNAF MEETING AT BOTH AGENCIES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMIN PRESENTATION MIYAZAKI STATED THAT GOJ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELEGATION TO SPECIAL ICNAF MEETING HAD BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR ROME LAST WEEK BUT THAT FONOFF WOULD STUDY EMBASSY PAPERS AND INFORM DELEGATION IN ROME OF U.S.

POSITIONS AND CONCERNS. MIXAZAKI'S PERSONAL RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL. HE STATED THAT GOJ AMENABLE TO HERRING QUOTA PROPOSALS BASED ON FIRM SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AND CONCERNING U.S. ENFORCEMENT PROPOSALS, OBSERVED THAT GREAT DISTANCE OF JAPAN FROM ICNAF FISHING AREAS WOULD PRESENT SPECIAL PROBLEM FOR JAPANESE INSPECTORS IN GETTING QUICKLY TO SCENE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. IGAHARA MADE SIMILAR COMMENT AND ADDED THAT FINANCIAL LOSSES TO SHIPS UNDER DETENTION AND UNABLE TO FISH PENDING TRAVEL OF JAPANESE INSPECTOR TO NORTH ATLANTIC WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE.

- 3. IN REPLY TO EMIN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT FAILURE OF ROME MEETING TO PRODUCE ADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND HERRING QUOTA REDUCTION MIGHT ENCOURAGE SENATE PASSAGE OF 200 MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION, MIYAZAKI NOTED THAT WITH DIET RECONVENING JAN. 23 GOJ WOULD ALSO BE HAVING LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS. HE REMARKED THAT FISHING IN JAPANESE COASTAL AREAS BY FLEETS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IS BECOMING EMOTIONAL ISSUE IN JAPAN AND NEW ENFORCEMENT PROPOSALS IN ICNAF WILL HAVE TO BE STUDIED AND HANDLED CAREFULLY IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN'S OWN COASTAL PROBLEMS.
- 4. IGAHARA, WHO WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES POLICY ISSUES, PROMISED TO BRING EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION.
- 5. JAPANESE DELEGATION TO ROME ICNAF MEETING FOLLOWS (SURNAMES SECOND).

HEAD OF DELEGATION: MR. SHUNICHI OKUCHI, VICE-PRESIDENT, NIHON SUISAN CO., LTD. ADVISORS: MR. KAZUO SHIMA, DEPUTY DIR., INTL. AFFAIRS DIV., FISHERY AGENCY: DR. FUKUZO NAGASAKI, SENIOR RESEARCHER, FAR SEAS FISHERIES RESEARCH LABORATORY; AND MR. TATSUO SAITO, ECONOMICCOUNSELOR, JAPANESE EMBASSY ROME. SHOESMITH

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